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## Robbins Library plan approved

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

The Arlington Redevelopment Board has unanimously approved plans for the new \$6.7 million Robbins Library addition.

Board members expect to put the project out to public bid in September for a possible fall groundbreaking.

The approval came Monday night. It was for plans that are 90-percent complete. The Redevelopment Board is waiting for the completion of several detailed drawings before it grants final approval to the plans.

The 28,000-square-foot addition will roughly double the size of the current library. It is designed to complement the Italian renaissance design of the main building, built in 1892 by Maria Cutter Farmer Robbins as a memorial to her husband, Eli Robbins.

The addition will be built onto the west side of the building, in the confines of the eastern edge of the Robbins Memorial Gardens.

The Mass. Avenue facade of the building, on the north side, will feature a large window at the joint of the two structures, behind which will lie a staircase. The walls will be built of limestone with granite bases and will feature large, arched windows with center columns similar to those on the current building.

The interior of the addition will consist of four levels, according to Maryellen Remment-Loud, director of the library. The lower level will feature children's services; the main level will feature information services; the second floor non-fiction and audiovisual services and the third floor will be reserved for non-fiction. All four levels will also contain study spaces and will look out through ample window space onto the town gardens.

The main building of the library will be extensively renovated during the construction of the addition, said Remment-Loud.



A sign in front of the Robbins Library thanks those who donated toward the \$6.7 million expansion of the Mass. Ave. facility.

Of the \$6.7 million budgeted for the building, \$3 million is town-funded, \$3.3 million is state-funded and the remainder is funded by private donations.

### Ventilation an issue

Leonard J. Bertaux, director of architectural design from the Bos-

ton architectural firm Wallace, Floyd and Associates, quelled fears at the meeting Monday night that a 180 square foot ventilation system on the roof would be unsightly.

Ventilation, which is required by law, is accomplished in the plans by a strip of metal louvers extending around the top, exterior portion of

the sloped roof. The louvers will serve as air intake points for both buildings.

"This is the best solution," said Bertaux, "it maintains the profiles and configuration of the hip roof." Bertaux said requirements for ventilation had significantly changed since the original library building

was built. "Those buildings really didn't breath to the extent that buildings do now. We've got to provide air."

Redevelopment Board members, although hesitant, were satisfied with the architectural firm's treatment of the ventilation plan, which was designed to match the metal as

closely as possible to roof material, a synthetic slate imitation.

The sloping louvers were preferred to more drastic alternatives, which would have included large air intake towers that would have "drawn attention to themselves," according to Bertaux. The cooling louvers will be similar to a system installed in the roof of the Quincy Market north building in downtown Boston, said Bertaux.

Board member Edward T. M. Tsui said he thought the ventilation solution "was a reasonable alternative. That's not to say it's not a disappointment to wrap the louvers around the entire building." Tsui also pointed out inconsistencies between the three-dimensional model of the addition presented to the Redevelopment Board and the drawings. The model did not show the full extent of the louvers, and was only partially detailed.

Board member Thomas Falwell, when reached for comment after the meeting, said, "It's difficult to really envision how it will look. I would certainly prefer not to have it." However, Falwell said there were no engineering alternatives to the louvers if the hip roof design, which imitates that of the original building, is to be preserved.

Another point of contention was the cooling unit on top of the roof, but Bertaux told the board the cooling unit will remain hidden from the view of Mass. Avenue, sitting in the middle of the roof below the roofline. The large metal box will be providing air-conditioning for both the old and the new building.

When Tsui asked if steam or other exhaust will be seen exiting from the cooling unit, Bertaux responded that steam may be visible on the "coldest of below zero days."

Board members also discussed the stairway, which will be located behind a glass wall on the Mass. Avenue side at the point where the

(See ROBBINS, page 6A)

## Quarterly tax bills get off to a slow start

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

Arlington taxpayers have responded to the new quarterly tax bill system sluggishly, according to the town's tax collection office.

"A lot of people haven't become familiar with the quarterly tax bill," said Fred Fantini, assistant tax collector for the town of Arlington. "The response has been somewhat slow."

Fantini, who said summer vacations may be interfering with some of the payments, expressed hope that people will become accustomed to paying their taxes twice as often.

A letter explaining the new billing system was sent out to residents along with the tax bill.

Supporters of the quarterly billing system hoped it would bring a more steady cash flow to the town, thus avoiding expensive short-term borrowing and providing the opportunity for investment.

## Montrose Avenue job OK'd

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

The Board of Selectmen has granted approval to a contract between the town and the residents of Montrose Avenue, finally allowing the residents to enter into an agreement with a local contractor to resurface the private way.

Residents argued the town should help finance repair of the road because town vehicles and utilities frequently drive down the private way, which runs between Richfield Road and Cutler Hill Road near Summer Street. However, the town has strict bylaws outlining the procedure for the public involvement in the repair of public ways, forcing the abutters to come up with most of the money themselves.

The road work will now be done by the Tri-Mont Bituminous company, a contractor that regularly does roadwork for the town and is currently doing work on Mystic Street.

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a private way to pay all of the cost of paving a road up front, \$7,000 in this case, plus 75 percent of costs to the town for any grading that is done. The town will be paying \$600 to have the road graded initially and will bill the abutters of Montrose Avenue in the fall for that service.

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## Pouring it on



Kip Kimble, 28, of Arlington pours on the relief after completing the 1991 Bay State Triathlon Sunday morning at Wright's Pond in Medford. Blazing heat made the event more grueling than usual.

(Eduardo Jose Moura photo)

## Man charged with rape

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

An Arlington Heights resident reported to police an acquaintance had raped her in her home on July 18.

John Irza, 32, of 24 Richardson Road, has been arrested and charged with rape following a subsequent investigation. He was arraigned on July 18 on rape charges and released on \$1,000 cash bail. His case was continued in Cambridge District Court until August 15.

The victim had told police Irza had sexually assaulted and raped her in her Arlington Heights apartment.

The man was an acquaintance of hers, police said.

Police could supply no further information about the circumstances of the rape, since they did not want to identify the residence of the victim.

The rape is the third reported rape this year and the fourth sexual assault reported this year. Arlington has already had as many rapes reported during the first seven months of this year than it did all of last year.

Rape reports during the past 10 years have ranged from zero to seven, with a low of zero reported rapes in 1983 to a high of seven reported in 1981.

## Town employee facing charge of cocaine dealing

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

Police arrested an Arlington town employee on July 19 in Stoneham and have charged him with dealing cocaine, which they believe he may have done out of a town garage on Ryder Street, according to John Carroll, director of police services.

Daniel E. Snyder, 37, of 6 Drummond Road, Stoneham was arraigned early this week in Cambridge District Court on charges of possession with intent to distribute a class B drug, cocaine. Arlington, Stoneham, and Woburn police were involved in the investigation and arrest, said Carroll.

Police say information in Snyder's house has led them to believe he sold cocaine in Arlington on at least one instance "during the last six months" in the vicinity of the Natural Resources garage building.

Arlington police said Snyder allowed police to search his home on the 19th at about 8:00 p.m. and a quantity of cocaine was found. Police would not disclose the amount of the drug found and said the investigation was still "open," so many of the details could not be disclosed.

Stoneham police would not com-

ment on the incident, saying the investigation was being handled principally by the Arlington Police Department.

Director of Natural Resources Frank Wright, when reached for comment on Tuesday, had not been told of Snyder's arrest yet, and said he preferred to talk to police first rather than make remarks "based on supposition."

After speaking with police, Wright said he had no personal knowledge of any wrongdoing by Snyder and said he would wait for an outcome in the court before he drew any conclusions, because "being arrested and being convicted are two different things."

However, Wright did confirm that Snyder has worked for the town for about four years as an automobile mechanic in the Natural Resource Division garage at 33 Ryder Street. Wright said Snyder had taken a vacation day earlier this week but was now back at work.

Carroll said Arlington police would only be charging Snyder with one count of cocaine distribution, and said the charge comes after several months of investigation.

## Second man drowns in Mystic Lake

A 29-year-old Somerville man drowned in the waters off Sandy Beach over the weekend, the second such drowning in Winchester's Mystic Lake in less than a month.

The body of Luis Lazo, 24, of Somerville was discovered Sunday, July 21, at 12:10 p.m. approximately 40 feet outside the designated swimming area, according to Metropolitan Police Officer Linda Orlando.

Orlando said it has not yet been determined at the time when the drowning occurred or where Lazo had been swimming at the time.

Although the incident is still under investigation, Metropolitan Police are treating Lazo's death as an accidental drowning, said Orlando.

This latest incident is the second such drowning in Winchester's Mystic Lake this summer. Patrick Louhisdon, 19, of Jamaica Plain drowned Saturday, June 22, in upper Mystic Lake in Winchester, in an area restricted from swimming. His body was discovered about 50 yards from shore.

## Through the ages



Taking time to get acquainted during the July 14 Mount Gilboa Block Party were one of the oldest and one of the youngest residents of the neighborhood. At left is Dorothy Linekin, 91. At right is Ben Isaac Barkin, 1.

SISTER CITY NEWS  
Twice-yearly delegations planned

By CINDY SILVER  
Special to The Advocate

The Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project is beginning to develop a program for two yearly delegations to Teosinte. In the fall, Gate West will lead a joint delegation of Arlington, Belmont, and Watertown citizens, to their respective Sister Cities. Since the three towns have connecting Sister Cities, this will be an ideal chance for the towns to go to El Salvador together. Gate West led our last delegation, of which Rick Rabin was fortunate to be a part. Rick Rabin is considering going on another delegation, as he was very moved by the last one. Anyone interested in speaking to Gate West or Rick Rabin, please call 646-1071.

The Teosinte Sister City Project had a public forum about goals for future delegations, and discussions by previous delegates on June 11, at the Community Safety Building. Despite inclement weather, it was a very fruitful evening. Several new people attended and showed an interest in future delegations. Louis Gutierrez, Paul Lessin, Jim Roettger and Rick Rabin spoke of their

trips and how they made deep impressions on them. They all agreed that the spirit of the Salvadoran people in the face of adversity, is unbelievable and very inspiring. Gutierrez spoke of his trip to the Mesa Grande Refugee Camps, where the people of El Salvador lived behind barbed wire fences longing to go back home. Lessin was able to go from the camps to a newly repopulated village in El Salvador. He spoke of the people's hardships in their return home. The group consisted mainly of women and children and elderly citizens. The soldiers forced the people to stay in their buses for several days after they arrived in El Salvador. The people had to stay in the searing heat, without the ability to go out to the bathroom or to get any exercise. Several children were ill and needless to say, everyone was crying. It was a nightmare. But these people persevered and they are now back at their village. Lessin was able to go on another delegation with Roettger, after Arlington became a Sister City with Teosinte.

Along with Paul Davis, a former

aide of Joe Kennedy, and Mario Davila of the American Friends Service Committee, they attempted to visit our Sister City. They were not allowed entry into the village, by the Salvadoran Army, after many frustrating attempts. But due to the incredible tenacity of the villagers and the dedication of Mario Davila, several villagers came to a nearby church to visit our delegates. The people expressed their joy and their love for Arlington. The visit made everyone very happy and was a great chance to share ideas and feelings.

Rabin was also fortunate to go on a delegation, as I mentioned. To his great joy, he was able to get into the village. Since his trip many Americans have visited Teosinte and reported back to us. Sylvia Gregory of Oregon has gone twice in the last two years to set up and then continue a dental program. She fundraised for dental care, and as of now, 23 of 25 villagers who could not chew, now have sets of false teeth. They are thrilled with this program. Gregory was also helping the people develop their handicraft sales in America.

She is trying to bring the villagers to an agricultural training program in Mexico for campesinos. Since the soil in Teosinte was proving infertile, this is very necessary.

We all found the evening inspirational. We have been holding bimonthly meetings at Judi Paradis' house, in the hopes of sending specific delegations with set goals. We hope to offer delegations for religious groups, educators, medical personnel, and business people. Hopefully we will be able to exchange ideas and bring down medical and educational materials. The next monthly meeting is on Monday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church.

We will show slides of Teosinte and discuss the delegation in October. Sally Rogers, a very active member in our group, will be returning from a trip with Witness for Peace, from Guatemala and Nicaragua. We will welcome her back and hear about her trip. In the fall we will have an informational evening about her trip and its implications for peace in these countries.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Registration may be done in the Robbins Junior Library or by calling 646-1000 ext. 4306. Deadline for registration is 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.

## Sand Castle contest

on Aug. 1

There is still time to sign up for the Sand Castle Building Contest on Aug. 1 at the Arlington Reservoir. The contest will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and advance registration is required. Judging will begin at 9:45 a.m. Judges will be Maryellen Remmert-Loud, director of the Robbins Library; Margaret Ryding, local artist; and a lifeguard at the Res.

Prizes will be awarded at 9:55 a.m. and will include donations from Ben & Jerry's of Arlington and D. Duck of Belmont. There is no age limit on this program and creators are encouraged to work in groups.

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Pajama storytime  
on July 29

A program of pre-bedtime stories, songs and fingerplays for children ages 3 to 6 will be held at the Robbins Junior Library on Monday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. Children attending are invited to come in their nightclothes and to bring along a favorite stuffed animal friend. The pajama storytime will last for approximately 30 minutes.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument purporting to be a copy of the last will of said deceased may be proved and allowed and that Laura C. Donovan of Malden in the County of Middlesex be appointed executrix without giving surety on her behalf.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on August 6, 1991.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) and accompanied with a copy of the petition.

WITNESS: Sheila E. McGovern, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, the ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one.

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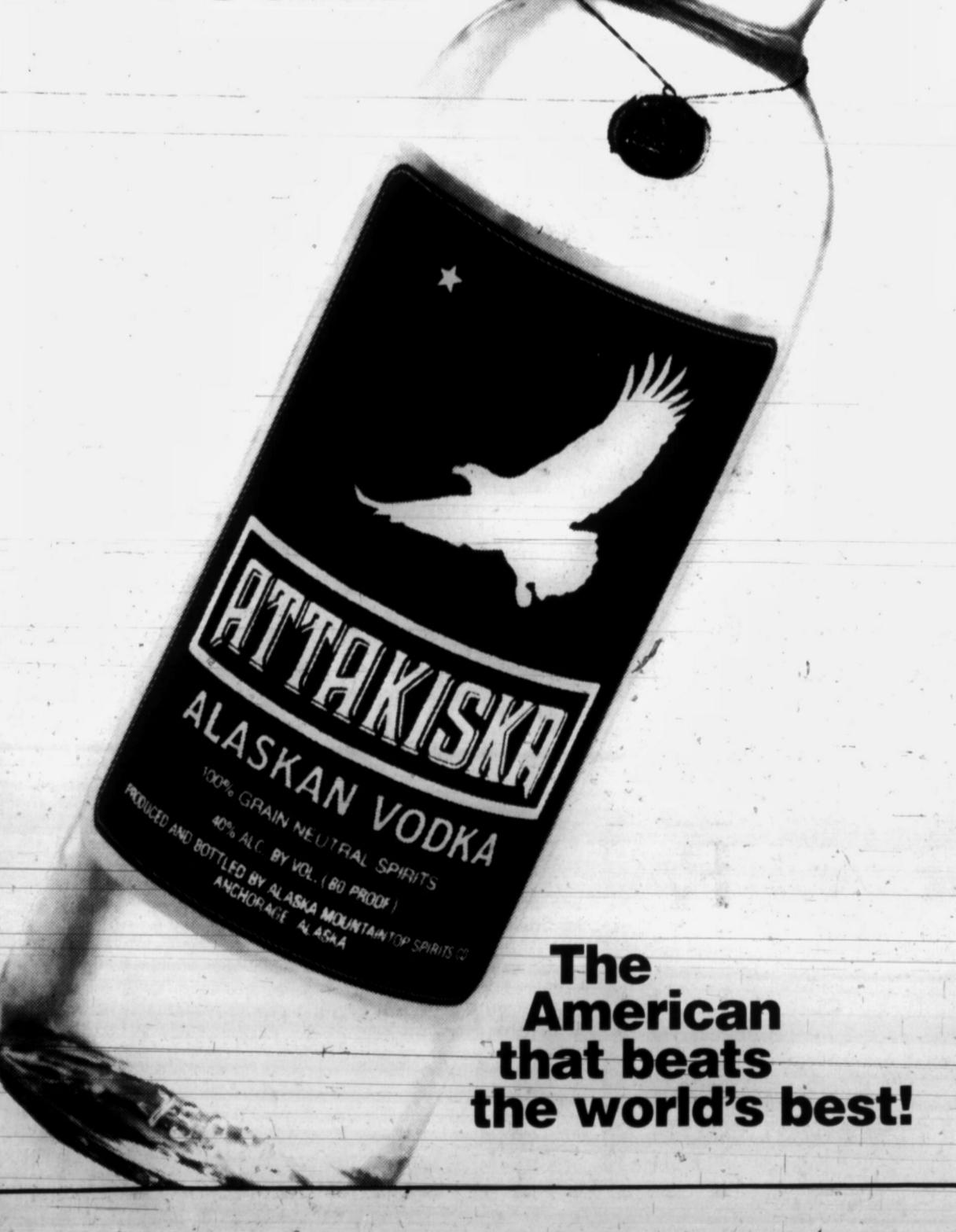
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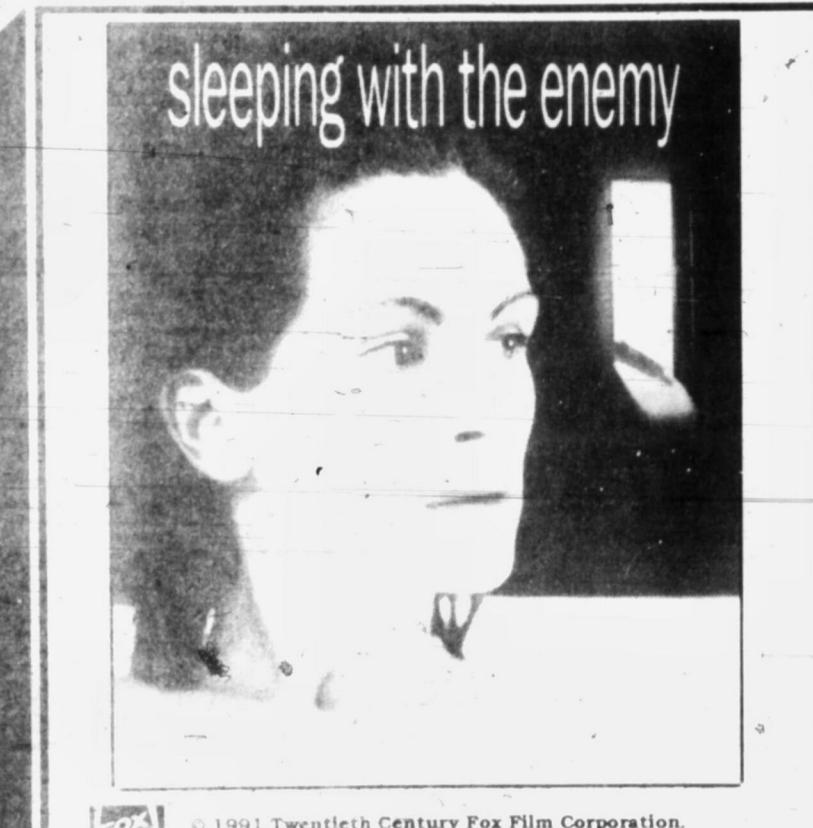


## Facepainting



Jennifer Fitzgerald, 4, gets her face painted at the Kids' Fair held July 16 at the Robbins Library.

(Jennifer Hauck photo)



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## State officials warn about rabies dangers

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced today that an outbreak of wildlife rabies among raccoons may reach Massachusetts this year.

This outbreak, which began in the mid-Atlantic states several years ago, was reported in Connecticut in early April when two raccoons were found to be infected. This is the first time the outbreak has extended this far north and east.

Since it is possible that the outbreak might continue to spread, it is important that several steps be taken to minimize the risk of rabies among our domestic animals, and consequently, people.

All domestic animals, particularly dogs AND cats, should be immunized against rabies. By law, dogs must be vaccinated. Cats are hunters by nature and often come in contact with animals at high risk for rabies. In fact, more rabid cats than dogs are now identified each year in the U.S. Domestic animals serve as the bridge between wildlife rabies and people. Protecting our pets and livestock is a major step toward protecting our communities.

2. People should avoid wild, stray or unfamiliar animals. They should not handle sick, injured or dead animals. Animal control officers should be called instead.

3. Raccoon populations have become dependent on humans and therefore, large numbers of these wild animals are living close to people. We should provide raccoons as little food as possible. Keep all garbage cans securely closed, and clean up any garbage promptly. Raccoons are scavengers and can feed off of all sorts of trash.

Anyone bitten by an unfamiliar animal should immediately wash the wound with soap and water, according to state health officials. Then call your doctor or local board of health for assistance in deciding if you need to be treated for rabies. Follow their instructions. There is a vaccine. Six doses are given over one month's time. Physicians and health officials can call the Epidemiology Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617-522-3700, ext. 420, 425 for additional guidance.

## POLICE LOG Arrests and protective custodies

A 38-year-old Arlington woman was taken into custody after being found drunk on Broadway at 5:00 p.m. on July 19.

A 25-year-old Washington Street man was arrested for violating a family abuse petition at 1:40 a.m. on July 21. He was also charged with operating a motor vehicle after revocation of license and refusing to stop for a police officer. The man was also charged for a warrant for assault with a dangerous weapon (a car) and for leaving the scene of an accident.

A 19-year-old Arlington man was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol after being found in Robbins Farm at 1:20 a.m. on July 20. The suspect had been with a group of people who fled the area.

A 26-year-old Somerville man was arrested on July 21 at 3:00 p.m. on Boston and Everett warrants for operating after revocation of license, operating without insurance, operating an unregistered vehicle and operating with unassigned plates.

A 49-year-old Mass. Avenue woman was arrested on July 18 at 5 p.m. for shoplifting at Highland Farms after being discovered outside the store with a quantity of food that wasn't paid for.

An 18-year-old Somerville man was arrested at Mirak Chevrolet at 4:26 a.m. and charged with attempted breaking and entering into a motor vehicle and malicious destruction of property.

A 23-year-old Gloucester man was arrested on at 5:25 a.m. on July 17 for speeding and operating with a revoked license.

## Larcenies and break-ins

A break-in was reported at the Meineke Muffler shop in East Arlington at 7:36 p.m. on July 15.

A larceny was reported on Peirce Street on July 15 at 9:23 a.m.

A stolen vehicle was reported at a Mayflower Street location on July 16 at 9:40 a.m.

A residential break-in was reported at a Park Avenue location at 3:25 p.m. on July 16.

Lewis Avenue residents reported a stolen bicycle at 3:58 p.m. on July 16.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported at Fremont Street at 7:54 a.m. on July 17.

A bicycle larceny was reported on Varnum Street at 4:22 p.m. on July 17.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported at Park Avenue Place at 1:40 p.m. on July 17.

A residential break-in was reported at Kensington Road at 3:36 p.m. on July 17.

A residential break-in was reported at Park Street Place at 4:35 p.m. on July 17.

A stolen vehicle was reported on the 800 block of Mass. Avenue at 4:56 p.m. on July 17.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported on University Road at 7:28 p.m. on July 18.

A Churchill Avenue resident reported stolen lawn furniture at 8:00 p.m. on July 17.

A larceny was reported on Mass. Avenue at 2:11 p.m. on July 18.

Shoplifting was reported at a Mass. Avenue business at 4:03 p.m. on July 18.

A larceny was reported on Churchill Avenue at 9:13 p.m. on July 18.

A residential break-in was reported on Hawthorne Avenue at 10:05 p.m. on July 18.

A residential break-in was reported at a Mass. Avenue location at 9:49 p.m. on July 19.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported at 8:30 a.m. on July 20.

Residents of Woodside Lane reported a break-in at 4:20 p.m. on July 20.

A bicycle larceny was reported at 5:22 p.m. on July 20 at a Cleveland Street location.

A motor vehicle break-in was reported at 6:59 p.m. on July 21 on Mass. Avenue.

## Vandalism

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported at 8:55 a.m. on Amherst Street on July 15.

Residential vandalism was reported at 11:39 a.m. at an Appleton Street location on July 15.

A Medford Street business reported vandalism on July 16 at 7:24 p.m.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported at Buzzell Field at 10:03 a.m. on July 18.

Residents of Linwood Street reported vandalism at 10:22 p.m. on July 20.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Mass. Avenue at 11:27 p.m. on July 20.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported at 6:34 a.m. on July 21 at West Court Terrace.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Summer Street at 1:18 p.m. on July 21.

Motor vehicle vandalism was reported at a Frazer Road location at 8:00 p.m. on July 21.

Residents of Rhinecliff Street reported vandalism at 8:18 p.m. on July 21.

## Miscellaneous

A domestic dispute was reported on Teel Street at 6:08 p.m. on July 15.

A domestic dispute was reported at 4:47 p.m. on July 15 at a Broadway location.

A domestic dispute was reported at 7:25 p.m. on July 15 at a Teel Street residence.

Youths were reported drinking on Pond Lane at 9:13 p.m. on July 15.

A domestic dispute was reported at 36 River Street at 1:38 p.m. on July 16.

Residents of Watermill Place reported a domestic dispute in the area at 10:11 p.m. on July 16.

An assault was reported on Park Avenue at 11:03 p.m. on July 16.

Youths were reported drinking at the Union Street Playground at 12:56 a.m. on July 17.

Two Arlington girls, age 16 and 14, reported a man had exposed himself to them in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at 8:00 p.m. on July 17. Police located the suspect shortly after, but the victims decided not to press charges.

A fight was reported at Fremont Court at 1:57 a.m. on July 18.

A fight was reported at a Mass. Avenue at 10:06 p.m. on July 18.

Motor vehicles were reported racing on Herbert Road at Lafayette Street at 1:28 a.m. on July 19.

A domestic dispute was reported at a Spring Road location at 11:44 a.m. on July 19.

A fight was reported at a Union Street location at 3:48 p.m. on July 19.

A domestic dispute was reported at a Broadway location at 5:00 p.m. on July 19.

Youths were reported drinking at 8:21 p.m. on Lowell Street.

A fight was reported on Robin Hood Road at 11:30 p.m. on July 19.

An assault was reported on Hospital Road at 5:25 p.m. on July 20.

Youths were reported drinking at Reservoir Beach at 6:12 p.m. on July 20.

A fight was reported on Pond Lane at 8:20 p.m. on July 20.

Motor vehicles were reported racing at 10:18 p.m. on July 20 on Montrose Avenue.

A domestic dispute was reported on Webster Street at 1:33 a.m. on July 21.

A fight was reported at 11:31 p.m. on July 21 on Gardner Street.

## Homeowners cautioned on lawn pesticide scams

Attorney General Scott Harshbarger and the Department of Food and Agriculture warned Massachusetts homeowners today to beware of unlicensed pesticide applicators looking to make a quick profit through the application of pesticides, including fungicides and herbicides, to home lawns during the coming summer months.

Current state law requires all those who commercially apply pesticides to be trained, licensed, and in some cases certified, by the Department of Food and Agriculture, which is part of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Attorney General Harshbarger noted the increased concern over possible environmental and public health hazards associated with pesticide use on home lawns, and cautioned homeowners against hiring "fly by night" companies, local handymen, or other unlicensed and untrained individuals for the application of pesticides.



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# Seven local shows up for cable honors

Nominated in statewide community television competition

Seven local cable television programs, all produced in Arlington, have been nominated for awards in the Massachusetts Cable Television Commission's annual Community Television Contest.

Local program producers at Continental Cablevision of Arlington led the state in winning nominations in six contest categories, and tied with Continental Cablevision of Brockton for the most nominations overall, seven.

Individuals nominated are the producers of their locally produced programs. The community television contest provides categories for both media professionals and community volunteers.

Five of Arlington's award nominees are community volunteer producers, while two are media professionals. One volunteer, Cindy Barlow, was nominated in two different categories for shows she produces.

Awards in the contest are scheduled to be announced July 18. Arlington's nominees include:

• "Extra Credit," a weekly homework-help show for students in grades 4-6, who can call the televised teacher on-the-air during the program for help with homework problems.

Media professional Bill Kulik produces the program, nominated in the educational-instructional category.

"The show is a lot of fun to produce, and I'm delighted we were nominated," said Kulik, who has been with Continental Cablevision for about three years. "We have two excellent teachers who are very energetic, and a strong response from our student viewers."

• "Career Crossroads — Literacy in the Workplace," one segment of a weekly series on contemporary issues and their effect on careers and lifestyles. Community volunteer

Rand Spero was nominated in the Public Affairs category.

In the literacy segment, Spero interviewed two highly successful men who had gone through their lives unable to read.

"One of these gentlemen owns two restaurants and the other is a manager with the MBTA," Spero said. "I sort of had to play detective to find them, but once they felt comfortable enough to talk and tell of the pain and embarrassment they went through and the lack of self-esteem, it just brought tears to my eyes. And they were so proud of their accomplishment now that they can read. It was just great."

Spero linked his literacy segment to Continental's "Cable in the Classroom" effort and included information on how to get help with literacy problems and how to volunteer to help others. The program was shown on cable systems in a number of communities in addition to Arlington.

"The Firebird," a children's entertainment special which makes creative use of shadow puppets and colors. Community volunteer James Clements produced the program, nominated in the Performing Arts category.

"We have a unique group of very talented people at Continental, and I'm really proud to be part of this team," Clements said.

"Paul Revere's Ride," a farcical re-enactment of the famous Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem, nominated in the Performing Arts category. Community volunteer Cindy Barlow served as its producer.

"I'm happy, honored and surprised to be nominated," Barlow said. "and I feel very flattered." Barlow, a University of Massachusetts student majoring in theater and video, served as a work-study student and intern at Continental

Cablevision of Arlington, and expects to resume her work-study post next fall.

"It's nice to have the experience and it's nice to get the feedback from people around the town," she said.

• "Menotomy Indian Culture," a documentary on the Indian culture and artifacts, which the Arlington cable system aired as part of its coverage of a major Native American celebration in Arlington.

Media professional Gary Mucha served as producer of the program which was nominated in the Ethnic-Cultural category.

• "Supermarket Sense," a program providing tips on nutrition and smart shopping at the supermarket, was nominated in the health category. Community volunteer Nancy Stutzman, who works for the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service, produced the program.

"I'm very pleased that the contest has a category for health, and especially that we've been nominated," Stutzman said. "The show uses the expertise of two dieticians and a home economist, and I'm very happy that their efforts are being recognized."

Besides the cablecasting, Stutzman uses a tape of the program in

the informal nutrition classes she teaches on behalf of the extension service.

• "Home Video Show for Kids," a monthly series that involves children in creating original videos, was nominated in the programming for children category. Community volunteer Cindy Barlow developed the concept for the series and serves as producer.

"We try to maintain a flexible format, to showcase the talents of local youngsters and provide an educational experience for them and their parents," Barlow said. "The show gives them a chance to see how a television is made and what it's like to be on TV."

All of the nominees' programs are produced in Arlington and telecast on Arlington Community TV, Channel 3.

These nominations highlight the wide variety of high-quality local programming we have right here in Arlington," said Continental Cablevision program director Barrett Lester. "I am extremely impressed at our producers' commitment to community programming, and these seven nominations are well deserved examples of that commitment."

## TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

### Pond Lane to receive quiet zone" signs

The Board of Selectmen approved Monday night the placement of two "quiet zone" zones on either side of the railroad bridge on Pond Lane.

The signs, which will be made and posted by the Arlington Department of Public Works, are in response to complaints of incessant horn-honking in the area. Motorists frequently blast their horn in order to warn oncoming cars they are passing under the bridge, which is wide enough for only one car, and has a blind curve on the southern side. While town engineer Charles Rinciani presented a \$8,500 temporary solution to the problem, using dividers to force cars approaching to the bridge to have a clear sight under the bridge from the southern approach, the Selectmen opted for the signs because the entire area will be redesigned and repaired next year with state and federal funding.

### Town receives many traffic requests

Residents of Arlington have hit the Selectmen with a barrage of requests for changes in traffic rules during the past few weeks.

A morning neighborhood group recently requested stop signs at three intersections in the area; and the Mount Gilboa Neighborhood alliance requested stop signs for two intersections, asked for a crosswalk at the entrance to the Arlington Reservoir. The Board of Selectmen has also received a two other letters for stop sign placement at locations in town. A Mass. Avenue businessman, Richard A. Sacco, has requested a reduction in the size of the MBTA bus stop on Medford street.

The Board of Selectmen have referred all of these traffic issues to Town Manager Donald Marquis, who will most likely refer it to study by the Arlington Police Department, except for the bus stop issue which will be handled by the MBTA.

### Town Hall parking to stay next to mailbox

John F. Carroll, following the advice of Safety Officer David McKenna, has recommended the parking space remain next to the mailbox on the sidewalk in front of town hall on Mass. Avenue.

The Board of Selectmen has had requests to paint a yellow line on the curb to free up the space so drivers can use the mailbox as a drive-by box.

The drive-up mail deposit on Court Street in front of the post office is much safer and easily accessible. There is no reason for the operator to leave the vehicle," wrote Carroll in a letter to Donald Marquis, Town Manager.

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## WEDDINGS &amp; ENGAGEMENTS



Megan Carini and Neil Crockett

Megan M. Carini  
engaged to Neil M.  
Crockett

Megan M. Carini and Neil Munro Crockett are engaged to be married. Plans are being made for a November wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jane M. Carini of Wallingford, Conn., and the late Joseph C. Carini. She is a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in Norwalk, Conn., and earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Central Connecticut State University. She is employed by the law firm Hebb & Gillin in Hartford, Conn., as a legal secretary.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. P. Crockett of Brockton, formerly of Arlington. He earned his bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering from Boston University and his master's in business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is currently employed as a technical unit manager with Pratt & Whitney of North Haven, Conn.



**Mr. and Mrs. (Gallagher) Rockwell**  
**Pauline F. Gallagher marries Paul J. Rockwell**

Pauline Frances Gallagher became the bride of Paul James Rockwell on May 11, 1991 at St. Agnes Church in Arlington. Rev. Father Hession officiated at the double-ring ceremony. A reception followed at the N.C.O. Club Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Geraldine Gallagher and is currently manager of Petite Sophisticates in the new Rockingham Park Mall in New Hampshire.

The groom is the son of Liz Rockwell of Lexington and is the owner of Montvale Gymnastics in Woburn.

Following a wedding trip on a Norwegian Cruise liner and Florida Keys, the couple resides in Salem, New Hampshire.



**Maria Reissis and James Dres**  
**Maria Reissis to wed James Dres**

Maria Reissis of Arlington is engaged to James Dres of Somerville. Plans are being made for a wedding in January of 1992.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Alexander and Patricia Reissis of Arlington. She is a graduate of Arlington High School and Aquinas Jr. College where she earned an executive secretarial associate's degree. She is currently employed by F.I. Serv., Inc. as an administrative assistant.

Her fiance is the son of John and Toula Dres of Somerville. He is a graduate of Somerville and owner of Andy's Restaurant in Cambridge.

**Kathleen Costa weds Joseph Capasso**

Kathleen Costa and Joseph Capasso were married on May 6, 1991 by Justice of the Peace, Marie Howe, at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington.

The couple are both formerly from Arlington. The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Theresa Costa and the groom is the son of Silvio and Phyllis Capasso.

The couple now resides in Somerville.



Mr. and Mrs. Leo and Elizabeth (Schnell) Lanzillo

**Elizabeth A. Schnell becomes bride of Leo M. Lanzillo**

Elizabeth Alison Schnell and Leo Mark Lanzillo were married on June 22, 1991 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. The Rev. Walter Simmons performed the double-ring ceremony, with John Ohmer as the chalice bearer.

The choir of St. Paul's provided special music. A dinner reception followed at Meridian Hills Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Philip and Rose Schnell of Carmel, Indiana and is a graduate of Carmel High School, Harvard College and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is a management consultant with Blue Cross and Blue Shield National Association in Chicago.

The groom is the son of John and Helen Lanzillo of Arlington and is also a graduate of Harvard College. He is currently attending the University of Chicago's graduate school of business. He is a computer engineer.

Serving as maid of honor for her sister was Susanne Schnell of Bethesda, Maryland. Bridesmaids included Julianne Desautels Gallagher and Merry Sanders Mayer, both of Chicago, Betsy Bradley and Joyce Landau, both of Boston. Flower girl was niece of the groom, Kathy Colburn of Columbia, Maryland. In charge of the guest book was cousin of the bride, Anne Shafer of Boardman, Ohio.

Best man was college friend of the groom, Martin Krajeinovic-Sabelli.

of New Haven, Conn. Groomsmen were John and Thom Lanzillo, brothers of the groom, David Donahue and Dr. William Carter, all from the Boston area. Scripture readers were Eva Patton of New York City and Thom Lanzillo.

Following a wedding trip to the British Virgin Islands, the couple resides in Chicago.



Jennifer Burr Villandry and Frances Villandry

**Jennifer A. Burr bride of Frances Villandry**

Jennifer A. Burr, daughter of Frank and Judy Burr of Waltham, formerly of Arlington, and Thomas A. Villandry, son of Richard and Frances Villandry of Arlington, were married on October 20, 1990 at Saint Agnes Parish. A reception followed at the Hartwell House in Lexington.

Ms. Burr Villandry graduated from Minuteman Technical School in 1986 with a major in health occupations and from Framingham State College, magna cum laude in 1990 with a bachelor's in psychology and human services. She is currently employed by the federal government in the department of health and human services.

Mr. Villandry, a 1982 graduate of Arlington High School, completed his post-graduate training in plumbing at the Minuteman Technical School in 1985. He has been a licensed journeyman plumber since 1988 and is currently employed at W.J. Malcolm and Son, Inc. of Cambridge.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas the couple resides in Waltham.



**Deborah N. Buteyn weds Philip J. Lamplough**

Deborah N. Buteyn and Philip J. Lamplough were united in marriage on June 1, 1991 in the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian D. Buteyn of Uxbridge, is a graduate of Uxbridge High School and Framingham State College. She is employed by the Arlington Children's Center in Arlington.

The groom, son of Mrs. Pauline Lamplough and the late John P. Lamplough, is a graduate of Concord-Carlisle High School and Framingham State College. He is employed by Langley Corp. in Medford.



**Lauren Paradis engaged to Kevin P. Gill**

Lorraine M. Paradis of Woburn, formerly of Arlington, announces the engagement of her daughter, Lauren, to Kevin P. Gill of Wakefield.

Lauren is the daughter of the late Normand J. Paradis. She is a graduate of the University of Lowell and is currently employed at Sterling Bank in Woburn.

Kevin is the son of Doris A. Gill of Stoneham and the late Peter W. Gill. He is also a graduate of the University of Lowell and is employed at Commercial Union Insurance Company in Medford.

A November wedding is planned.

## Robbins Library plan gets approval

(From page 1A)  
old and new buildings will be joined. While there was some debate as to whether the glass should be clear or opaque, Bertaux said clear glass would be the most attractive because it would reflect light during the day and allow people to see inside the building at night.

### October start?

According to the chairman of the Redevelopment Board, Barry Faulkner, the final plans will be available on August 5 for contractors' examination.

Bids are expected to be received by the town on September 12, barring any delay, and could prove to be a complicated matter. Faulkner said the town will attempt to have the project divided up for alternate bids in order to allow the work to be done by several different contractors. Using this system, one bid may be put out for the basic building, with separate bids for items such as the plumbing, interior design, windows and other portions of the project.

If satisfactory bids are received in September, groundbreaking could possibly occur in October.

"If everyone comes in with high bids, there'll be some delays," warned Faulkner. "It's a complicated matter. We want to see it done right but we don't want to hold up the process too much."

Although the architectural firm will provide a cost estimate for the plans later this week, the town is limited by a \$6.7 million budget for the new building. If bids come in substantially higher than the budget, some features of the addition may have to be scaled down or eliminated. Cost-saving measures would likely involve a reduction in the cost of materials. Other means of reducing costs will be to prioritize the alternate bids and eliminate the least necessary features of the building to keep it within budget.

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## Star hairdresser coifs on local cable

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH  
Advocate staff writer

Bryant Renfroe, a world-class hairdresser who styles the locks of television personalities Barbara Walters and Kathy Lee Gifford for national television shows, recently came to Arlington to dress the hair of some locals.

During his stay, Renfroe said in an interview, that Arlingtonians are up to snuff in hair fashion. "I've seen a lot of people with short hair, which is very popular now. The less you've got the less you have to deal with," he said.

According to Renfroe, short is in, especially in the hot summer months.

"The environment you work in has a lot to do with your hair. Everybody wants something that's easy to manage," he said.

Although he spent only a day, Renfroe said Arlington was a beautiful place to visit and a welcome sight for an escapee from New York City.

Renfroe appeared on the local cable channel, showing "before and after" shots of three people whose hair he cut and permed in the Cablevision studios.

Jennifer Looney produced the show, entitled "Visions," and said it will be running several more times during the month on the Continental Cablevision local channel. "He was very fun to work with. He was very laid back," said Looney.

Diane Ricciotti, who had her hair cut by Renfroe, said she was impressed by Renfroe's skill and personality. "He's a very, very warm person and everything was professionally done," said Ricciotti. "He's a professional and an artist."

From the television studios of New York to the Cablevision stu-

dios of Arlington, Renfroe didn't see too much of a difference, since everybody is concerned about the way their hair looks, including himself. "Variety is important," he says. "I cut my hair all the time," he says. "I get very tense. I wake up every day and put on a different suit of clothes. I don't feel the same every day and I really don't want to look the same." Sometimes Renfroe says he cuts his hair with the aid of a mirror every "three or four days."

Television work is delicate sometimes, said Renfroe, because many of the stars are afraid of drastic changes that will draw attention to their head when they're being viewed inside the frame of the screen.

Living in Manhattan and styling hair in television studios isn't exactly what Renfroe expected he would end up doing. He started his career down south, where he attended the Scientific Beauty Academy in Huntsville, Ala. While working in a small town in Florida, he was asked by Good Morning America star Joan Lunden to come to New York to work as her official stylist. After flying to New York to visit, Renfroe was overwhelmed with the city and decided to move there.

Dividing his time among the studios, a Manhattan hair salon and promotions for Ogilvie home perm products, he leads a busy life. He often wakes at 4 a.m. and works all day.

"Years ago people were sitting under dryers with curlers. Now there are hot-air dryers, mousse, gels and sprays," he said. "Hair has become more adaptable. People can perm their hair at home very easily now. People like to do their own hair."

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## Moderator seeks board members

Town moderator John L. Worden III is seeking applications from interested citizens who wish to serve on various boards and committees of the town. The positions to be filled by appointment of the moderator cover a wide range of public service opportunities.

Positions now open are:

1. Arlington's representative on the Minuteman Regional Vocational School Committee — legal requirement: registered voter.
2. Arlington Recycling Committee (By Laws, Article 34A, added by 1991 Annual Town Meeting, Article 72) — eight appointments; legal requirement: registered voter.
3. Capital Planning Committee

(By Laws, Article 18, Section 5) — one appointment; legal requirement: registered voter.

4. Health Care Funding Task Force (1991 Town Meeting — Article 78 to study health care benefits for municipal employees) — two appointments; legal requirement: one school or town retired employee and one Town Meeting member.

5. Land Bank Committee (1991 Town Meeting — Article 77) — one appointment; legal requirement: Town Meeting member.

6. Personnel/Incentive Study Task Force (1991 Town Meeting — Article 75 to review, study and make recommendations regarding compensation of municipal employees) — two

appointments; legal requirement: one department head not under the jurisdiction of the manager or School Committee and one Town Meeting member.

7. Town Meeting Procedures Committee (By Laws, Article 2, Section 11) — one appointment; legal requirement: Town Meeting member.

8. Town of Arlington Scholarship Fund (By Laws, Article 5A, Section 4) — one appointment; legal requirement: registered voter with some connection to a private secondary school.

Anyone wishing to be considered for one or more of these positions, is asked to send a letter of interest and

resume to the moderator at 27 Jason St. The letter should make specific reference to the attendance record of the applicant on other boards or committees on which he or she has served.

For full descriptions of the constitutions and duties of these committees, see copies of the articles and by law sections referenced in the town clerk's office.

The moderator is making this public announcement of the availability of these positions so that the appointment process will be completely open, and so that all interested citizens will have an equal opportunity, he said in a release.

## Making better use of those grass clippings

Grass clippings just don't get the respect they deserve.

Instead of throwing bags of the backyard turf out, the Arlington Department of Public Works advises residents to compost the valuable organic material to save themselves labor and save the town money.

A garbage bag full of clippings contains up to one quarter pound of usable organic nitrogen and other nutrients, and can be put to work in the lawn or garden, according to agricultural experts. Contrary to popular belief, leaving the clippings on the lawn is one of the best things that can be done, both for the laborer and the grass.

Tossed in the garbage, the lawn clippings cost Arlington and other Massachusetts towns up to \$60 a ton to dispose of.

Left in the lawn, grass clippings add nitrogen to the lawn and reduce the need for additional fertilization, in addition to reducing water evaporation. The clippings will break down quickly because they contain about 75 percent water, and are not responsible for the thatch buildup everyone blames them for, since stems and roots are the real cause.

The latest information from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) also gives this advice to those managing their lawns:

"Mowing when the grass is dry and between 3 and 4 inches tall will produce best results. Never remove more than one-third of the blade in one mowing and to keep the lawn at a height of two to three inches to encourage a deep root system."

A mower with a sharp blade will reduce damage to the grass. Mulching mowers and equipment, which produce small clippings, work best for composting.

Other options for grass clippings include composting with other materials or using the clippings as mulch. Mulching adds nutrients the

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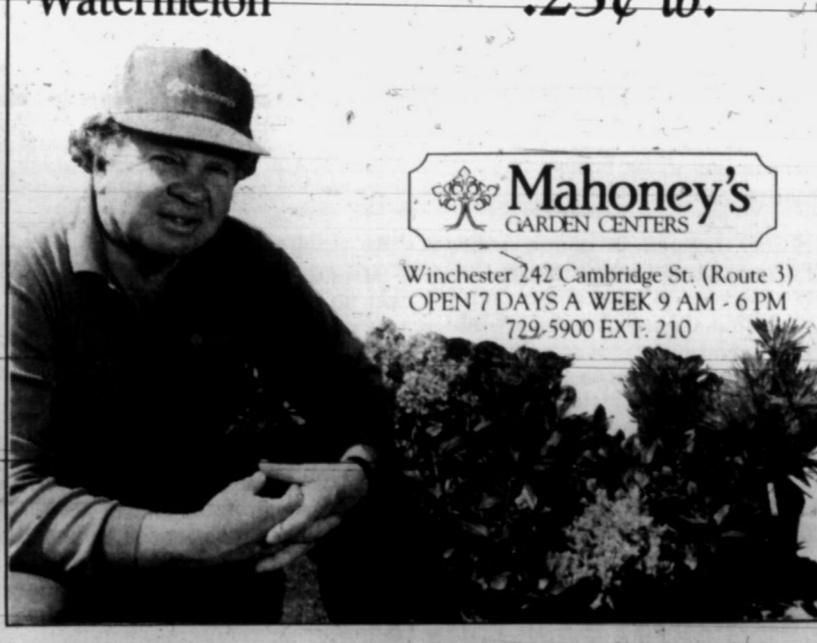
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### Sustaining the spirit of volunteerism

Many people talk about the housing problems of the poor. Few do anything about them.

That is what makes a crew of volunteers from Calvary United Methodist Church on Mass. Avenue special: they are helping rehabilitate Roxbury housing, adding their "sweat equity" to the efforts of Roxbury residents.

The Calvary Church crew has teamed up with Boston Habitat in a completely private project to provide housing for the disadvantaged.

The church has sent more than 12 work teams over the past three years to aid Boston Habitat.

The most recent Calvary Church work team, comprised of Denise Barratt, Raquel Jacobson, Randy Keck, Kevin Kopp, Kari Knutson, Jill Perry and Amy Toole, joined the ranks of 150 volunteers to work on the Roxbury project that will house four families.

Habitat is an ecumenical, Christian housing ministry seeking to eliminate poverty housing. Needy and affluent people work together in the program in equal partnership to create new homes.

In the midst of recession (some say depression), this brand of volunteerism shines a beam of hope. It offers hope for the disadvantaged families who will get housing. It also offers hope that more suburbanites will see beyond their own problems far enough to share their time and toil with others.

Arlington, of course, has many examples of such volunteerism. Town residents help kids learn sportsmanship in youth sports leagues. They donate time to hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens, the handicapped and other neighbors who need help.

As recession saps federal, state and local tax dollars from social programs, the volunteer's spirit grows harder to sustain.

It also grows more crucial.

Kudos to all Arlington's volunteers. May their ranks grow.

## BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

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Volume 18-Report No. 28  
Massachusetts House and Senate  
July 12, 1991

**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records local senators' votes on four roll calls and local representatives' votes on two roll calls from the legislative session prior to the summer recess.

**LATE SESSION** — House 122-31, suspended rules to continue its session beyond 10 p.m. and the Senate 26-6 suspended rules to continue beyond 8 p.m. Supporters said the legislature should remain in session and finish its work before the summer recess. Opponents said late night sessions are irresponsible and hides legislative action from the public.

A "Yea" vote is for continuing the session. A "Nay" vote is against continuing the session.

Representative Mary Jane Gibson voted yes.

Representative Jim Marzilli voted yes.

Senator Robert Havern did not vote.

**BUDGET (H 5800)** — House 119-31, Senate 33-0 gave final approval to a \$12.9 billion fiscal 1992 state budget. Governor Weld signed the package after making several vetoes. Supporters said the package is a balanced one which requires no new taxes and makes painful but necessary cuts. Some opponents said the cuts will hurt cities and towns and thousands of people. Others said more waste and patronage can still be cut from the budget.

A "Yea" vote is for the budget. A

"Nay" vote is against it.

Gibson voted no.

Marzilli voted yes.

Havern voted yes.

**SUSPEND RULES (H 5800)** — Senate 28-8, suspended rules to allow immediate consideration of the House-Senate conference committee version of a fiscal 1992 state budget. Supporters said immediate consideration is necessary to pass the budget as close to the beginning of the fiscal year as possible. Opponents said senators have only had the new version for a little over an hour and should have more time to read it before they vote.

A "Yea" vote is for rule suspension. A "Nay" vote is against rule suspension.

Havern voted yes.

**EDUCATION (H 5610)** — Senate 24-12, suspended rules to allow further consideration of the higher education reorganization bill. The measure creates a Cabinet level education secretary and merges the University of Lowell and Southeastern Massachusetts University with the three University of Massachusetts campuses to create one university with five campuses. Supporters said it is critical to pass the bill before the summer recess in order to begin to improve higher education before the new academic year in September. Opponents said few senators have read the bill and argued it is irresponsible to try to reform education at 2 a.m.

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Havern voted yes.

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PLENTY OF FLUIDS,  
GRANDPA?**



**News Item: SENIOR CITIZENS URGED TO TAKE MEASURES TO STAY COOL DURING HOT WEATHER**

## GUEST COLUMN

### Thirteen is not an unlucky age

By TERRY MAROTTA

The year I was 13 I kept a diary, as I have done every year since I was eight.

Back at eight, I wrote fibs, mainly doozies, too. "Got a horse," June 16th's entry boldly claims that year. "My horse is expecting," June 17th's expands.

For a few years there, I recorded big events only, it seems, even if I had to make most of them up. The more mundane I must have felt not worth recording. So that month after month would go by without my having made a single entry in the book; then I would go back and write on three months' worth of Tuesdays, "Had gym today," "Had gym," "Had gym ..."

As time went on, the entries I made in these diaries grew more detailed ("Miss R. looks like a grey piece of underwear") And by 13, they contained a world.

By the time you're 13, a few things have occurred to you. That you'll never be 12 again. That all the new knowledge you're picking up at school is writing over the simpler, more folkloric wisdom of childhood: the flowers you called Indian Paintbrush have a Latin name, really; and the snake spit you see on some stems doesn't really come from snakes at all.

I think of all this today because my 14-year-old has just finished *Cat's Eye* by Margaret Atwood, a fictional remembrance about a young girl

*The very young don't know the word "immortal" any more than a rose knows the word "June." They both just live them. Thirteen is behind us both, I guess.*

and her best friend Cordelia. "Listen to this passage at the beginning," my daughter had said. "It's exactly right: 'Cordelia sits with nonchalance...staring blankly at the other people with her grey-green eyes, opaque and glinting as metal. She can outstare anyone, and I am almost as good. We're impervious. We scintillate. We are thirteen.'"

When she stopped, I went to the bookcase and got down my own copy of *Cat's Eye*. I had marked the very same passage and written the name of my daughter and her best friend next to it.

Imperviousness was a thing I knew I prized highly at 13. I affected subtler forms of defiance. We had a private sign language, which we exercised so discreetly it looked like we were brushing our hands free of crumbs merely,

whereas in fact, the palms swept together was "H"; a circle made of right thumb and forefinger held over the left index was "I". "H-I" we spelled out to each other, "W-H-A-T A D-U-M-B C-L-A-S-S," all the while keeping our faces utterly blank and neutral, and in the speller's case at least, studiously fixed on the teacher.

The boys I knew at 13 prided toughness too; snickered and threw spitballs in class, until at last they were hauled up to the front of the room and beaten with wooden paddles that they themselves had been asked to fashion in Shop Class. They didn't cry though, heavy as the blows fell. They pressed their lips together and feigned mirth, even as hot tears welled in their eyes.

Being girls, my best friend and I affected subtler forms of defiance. We had a private sign language, which we exercised so discreetly it looked like we were brushing our hands free of crumbs merely,

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Anthony L. Bernacchi

**Supports public prayer**

**TO THE EDITOR:**

I hasten to disagree with Jeffrey L. Kranes who experienced "chagrin and indignation," when a Roman Catholic pastor prayed to Jesus Christ at a public ceremony. I did not attend that ceremony and I am sorry I missed it.

Kranes' letter brought to mind an experience we had approximately a year ago, when Anthony and I went to Coolidge Corner movie theater to see "Fantasia" on its 50th anniversary re-release. Most people know, I believe, that "Fantasia" is the Disney classic that consists of visualizations of classical music. When the narrator of the film, Deems Taylor, announced that we would next be hearing/seeing "Night on Bald Mountain" by Moussorgsky and "Ave Maria" by Schubert, which were the last two pieces, there was a mass exodus of mothers dragging their children behind them.

After the film, I asked two women why so many people left before the end of the film. They told me the people who left were Jewish and they did not want to hear/see, nor did they want their children to hear/see the "Ave Maria." (Coolidge Corner is a Jewish neighborhood.)

My suspicion was that these two women were anti-Semitic and I began to become offended on behalf of the Jewish people I have loved. I especially thought of the popular Arlingtonians, Lou and Bess Doctor.

Lou remained at my father's wake in 1954 during the saying of the Rosary and at my mother's wake in 1974. Bess kissed my deceased mother's forehead and gently touched the Rosary my mother held in her hands.

Therefore, I hotly said to these two women, "You are accusing Jewish people of bigotry?" One of them said, "We are Jewish. The people who left are Jewish and I know why they left." I shrugged and said it was their loss. In my opinion Schubert's "Ave Maria" is a masterpiece. I suppose that it is now illegal to play either Schubert's or Gounod's "Ave Maria" in a music appreciation class in a public school setting.

I feel that it is outrageous that players cannot be said in public schools these days but the foulest of language is tolerated in the public junior high and high schools. I consider profanity an act of violence. It is an assault on the minds, hearts and spirits of those of us who detest such language, and we are in the majority. The "f" word, which is used as a noun, adjective and verb by a certain segment of society, is especially offensive. It is used by a number of students in and out of the classroom, in the public library and everywhere on Arlington streets. Does this gutter language, which is used in public areas in the presence of people who detest it, constitute "freedom of speech?" I experience "chagrin and indignation" whenever I hear it.

I ask the town officials not to consider making public services ecumenical in nature. I have heard invocations/benedictions by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy. Please expand our experience by exposing us to the prayers of Buddhists, Taoists, Zoroastrians, and others which we perhaps have not yet had the opportunity of hearing.

Vera J. Bernacchi

**Park helpers thanked**

**TO THE EDITOR:**

We would like to publicly thank the following "Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park" for the time and muscle-power they contributed on Sunday July 14 in helping to rid Hill's Pond of some of the algae bloom and seaweed that have been choking it.

There's still a lot of overgrowth left — but we've made a dent — thanks to: Marge Bean, Ann and Larry Black, Nini Bloch, Steve Bosco, Frank Formica, Charlie Foskett, Steve Harlow, Karsten Hartel, Jane and Peter Howard, Christine Quinn, Meriwether Rhodes, Jeannette Tariff, Pat Thomas, Anne Tulimieri and Joyce. Thanks also to Alfred and Jeltje Koumans for donating food and to Jim Meehan and Bruce and Susan Whetle for loaning waders and hip boots.

Tommie Bower  
MaryAnna Foskett  
Don Matthiesen

**Gibbs as a recreational site**

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Gibbs High was built in the early '70s, almost 20 years ago. Wasn't the decision made then for public use? No doubt the same neighbors who complain now fought (See LETTERS, page 9A)

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**NEWS NOTES****Kennedy picnic comes to Menotomy Rocks**

Arlington's congressional Representative Joseph Kennedy II, D-Brighton, will be hosting the Fifth Annual Kennedy picnic in Menotomy Rocks Park on July 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The public is invited, and can confirm the invitation by responding before July 22 at 330-1988.

The picnic will include games, music, dancing and a barbecue.

**Kennedy offers internships for fall, winter**

Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II announced the Eighth Congressional District Office in Boston is now accepting applications for student college internships for the fall and winter terms.

The internship program seeks to involve students in the overall administrative duties required in operating an effective congressional office. Duties include all aspects of constituent casework, including intake, written correspondence, and data entry. There are also internships available in the Press and Scheduling departments. In addition, all students will be required to participate in general office support work. Typing and data entry skills are a plus. Students must have an ability to deal with different types of people.

To arrange an interview, please call Deborah Anderson at 242-0200 or send your resume to the address below: Deborah Anderson, district representative, Office of Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II, The Schrafft Center, Suite 605, 529 Main St., Charlestown, Mass. 02129

**Following through**

Kristen McCoy, 7, follows through after releasing the softball in the recent Arlington Recreation Department track and field meet at the Peirce Field.

(David Stone photo)

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**COMING EVENTS****Festival to honor Peru**

An outdoor festival in honor of Peru's 175th anniversary is planned for Sunday, July 28, from noon to 5 p.m., at Buzzell Field on Summer Street in Arlington.

Sponsored by La Colonia Peruana de Massachusetts, donations collected will be used to buy medical supplies to help the cholera victims in Peru.

Latin Americans from the Boston area will be able to enjoy native South American food, music and games. Included will be a professional soccer exhibition by the team of "Viva Peru" and a game of "Juego De Sapo." A variety of games are planned for children including potato sack and three-legged races.

Free parking is available for 100 cars in the BayBank lot at Water St. Those taking public transportation should take the Red Line to Harvard Station and bus No. 77 to Arlington, get off at the Library and follow the signs to the festival.

According to Gleisser Allen, La Colonia Peruana's president, "This will be the first opportunity for many Peruvians in the area to meet other South and Central Americans in a festive atmosphere and for a good cause."

Volunteers interested in helping with the games and food are urged to call (617) 484-2440. No alcohol will be served.

**'Kans for Kids'**

Arlington Recreation's next Kans for Kids drive will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3. Clean, returnable bottles and cans will be collected at the Gibbs School from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the gym on the Tufts Street side of the building.

Proceeds from the drive will benefit Arlington Recreation's youth activities.

**Workshop dates changed**

Arlington Center for the Arts, 41 Foster St., announces a change in the dates for two of the workshops being offered this summer. The new times and dates are as follows: Native American Beadcraft originally scheduled for Saturday, July 13, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$42 for ACA members and \$45 for nonmembers plus \$6 to \$15 for materials.

Papermaking originally scheduled for Saturday, July 27, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$42 for ACA members and \$45 to non-members plus \$10 for materials.

Participants are welcome to bring lunch or a snack to either workshop. Please call 648-6220 for more information or to register for either workshop.

**Class of '51 holds reunion**

Arlington High School, Class of 1951, holds its 40th reunion Nov. 30. For information call Carole Dale McManus (508) 668-1661 or Barbara Fleck at 646-7932.

**Pierce PTO reunion planned**

Pierce School P.T.O. reunion during the years 1976-1978 on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 2-6 p.m. at the K of C, 15 Winslow St. There will be a buffet, dessert and coffee; the cost of the tickets is \$15 per person. Please send your check with a stamped, self addressed envelope to: B. Smalarz, 73 Newland Road, Arlington, Mass., 02174. Deadline for tickets is Aug. 1.

**Class of '71 holds reunion**

Arlington High School Class of 1971 is planning their 20th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 30, 1991 at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. For

more information, please contact Brenda Allen Powers at 646-7929.

**Summer sight reading series offered**

The Philharmonic Society of Arlington will sponsor a Summer Sightreading Series Wednesday evenings in July for Orchestra and Chorale, 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Arlington, 630 Mass. Ave., Arlington Center.

Wednesday, July 31, John Bavich will conduct Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists in a sightreading of Faure's "Requiem."

Admission is free. Instrumentalists should bring a music stand. For further information call 322-4311.

**Drama camp for teens**

A drama camp for children ages 8 to 15 will be offered from Aug. 12 through 23, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Taught by drama teacher and actor Eileen Kell, students will spend the first week auditioning, developing characters, staging and learning lines.

The second week involves rehearsing and polishing work for a public performance to be held Friday evening, Aug. 23. The play will be a classic comedy. This camp is limited to 12. The cost is \$88 to members and \$95 to non-members for the two weeks. Please call 648-6220 for more information or to register for the drama camp.

**Attractions abound at arts festival**

A magic show, a rock/jazz concert and a theater workshop presentation will be the featured attractions at the annual Minuteman Tech Summer School Arts Festival on Friday, Aug. 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the school. The festival will also include an art exhibit by the students of Norma Regillo, an arts and crafts exhibit by the students of Sheila Murphy and a jewelry exhibit by the students of Margo Gilson.

The rock-jazz group will be led by Paul Ahlstrand, and the drama presentation will be under the direction of James Lynch.

Performing in the magic show will be the students of professional magician David Oliver who has been teaching and performing in the greater Boston area and all over the United States for the past 10 years. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians.

Admission to the Arts Festival is free, and the public is invited to attend. Minuteman Tech is located in Lexington at the intersection of Route 2A and Mass. Avenue, just west of Route 128.

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**A South American concert at town hall**

On July 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arlington town hall, for the first time in New England, Herencia Incaica Y Latina presents a program revolving about the Incas, Mayas and Aztecs three great civilizations of Latin America. This a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with the significant culture of these civilizations and their extraordinary contribution to the American Heritage.

The participating groups are Querida Guatemala, Roberto De Leon, founder and director; Inca Son, Cesar Villalobos, founder and director; Imperial Andean Music and Dances; and Mariachi Guadalajara, Pepe Gutierrez, founder and director, Mexican folklore and dances. Narration in English and Spanish. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Parking available at the Municipal Parking Lot, Arlington Center near town hall. Town hall is on the MBTA Bus Route No. 77 (Arlington Heights) from Harvard Square. For more information please call 524-3435, 864-7041 or 641-0030.

**Lobster/steak night on July 27**

Arlington Lodge of Elks', 56 Pond Lane, Emblem Club will hold a lobster/steak night on Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m. The menu will include chowder, tossed salad, potato salad, corn, rolls, and dessert. Music will be by Bob Carroll. Tickets are \$14, an extra steak or lobster is \$4. Call Betty at 648-8339 for reservations. No tickets sold at the door.

